NARA's New Authority Sources:

Authority Files and Thesauri in ARC

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ARC (Archival Research Catalog):

- NARA's new online catalog/information system
- Record group, collection, series, file unit, and item level descriptions and agency histories
- Access via by creator, title, and access points
- Authority control for all access point types
- Authority files and thesauri created centrally
- Access points applied locally by NARA catalogers
- NARA catalogers propose new access points
- Authority Team does authority cataloging

What is ARC?

- Archival Research Catalog
- NARAs' agency-wide description tool
- Replaced NAIL (National Archives Information Locator)
- NARA's first application of description standards
- Contains NARA's new authority sources
- NARA's first attempt at authority control

NARA’s authority sources …

- Accessible from the ARC client server desktop
- Person name headings
- Corporate (organization) name headings
- Meeting/conference name headings
- Topical subject terms
- Geographic place name headings
- Genre (specific records type) terms
- Uniform titles (planned for a future release)

Person names:

- Source: Library of Congress Name Authority File
- NARA authority catalogers add and edit names
- MARC authority format for person names
- NARA catalogers enter new names via NACO

Corporate (organization) names:

- Source: Library of Congress Name Authority File
- AACR2/MARC for non-federal names
- Authority catalogers create federal names in full hierarchy

Example:

Department of Agriculture. Agricultural Research Administration. Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine. Division of Truck Crops and Garden Insect Investigations. (1942-1953)

Meeting/Conference names:

- Source: Library of Congress Name Authority File
- NARA catalogers create/edit names as needed
- AARC2/MARC for meeting and conference names

Topical subject terms:

- NARA’s DE800 Subject Authority as a foundation
- Main headings (‡a subfield) only from LCSH
- No subdivided terms in ARC’s data model
- Establish terms locally when necessary
- Thesaurus is ANSI/NISO Z39.19-1993-2003 compliant
- Authority catalogers contribute to LCSH via SACO

Geographic place names:

- Source: Getty's Thesaurus of Geographic Names
- Authority catalogers establish names locally
- Full TGN hierarchy shown in authority and catalog record:

Example:

Savannah (Chatham county, Georgia, United States, North and Central America) inhabited place

Genre (specific records type) terms:

- Source: Getty's Art and Architecture Thesaurus
- NARA authority catalogers establish terms locally
- AAT display shown in ARC catalog records

Examples:
articles of incorporation
artists' proofs
diaries
lithographic engravings
reports

Uniform titles:

- No uniform title authority file or data element in ARC
- Proposing a new authority file and data element
- Headings will be translated from LCNAF or created locally
- NARA catalogers will propose new uniform titles as needed

ARC on the Web:

- http://www.archives.gov/research_room/arc/
- Basic and Advanced search options
- Variety of filtered search strategies
- Digital image attachments for item-level records
- Keyword searching: archival descriptions, agency histories, and subject access points
- Advanced search offers authority lookup feature

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About ARC

The Archival Research Catalog (ARC) is the online catalog of NARA's nationwide holdings in the Washington, DC area, Regional Archives and Presidential Libraries.

ARC allows you to perform a keyword, digitized image and location search. ARC's advanced functionalities also allow you to search by organization, person, or topic.

Microfilm Publications may be searched via the Microfilm Catalog.

Mt. Holyoke, Massachusetts - Silk. William Skinner and Sons. Automatic loom (Skinner Mill), 1936 - 1937. ARC Identifier: 518303. Still Picture Records (College Park, MD)

View larger image

Select electronic records holdings may be searched via the AAD system.

ARC is designed to work best with either Microsoft Internet Explorer, 5.0 or above, or Netscape Communicator, 4.7 and above.

ARC Highlights

- NEW! Historical Documents Online: Search Hints for Selected Topics in ARC
- Quick access to:
  - Guion-Miller Roll Index
  - Index to the Final Rolls (Dawes)

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ARC Basic Search

Search for descriptions of Archival Materials containing the following keyword(s):

Search Tips

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Advanced Search

Limit Results to ◉ 100 ○ 1000 ○ 2000

Filter Your Search:

☐ Descriptions of Archival Materials linked to digital copies

Archival materials dated between MM DD YYYY and MM DD YYYY

Location of Archival Materials:

- All Locations
- Cartographic and Architectural Records LICON, Special Media Archives S...
- Center for Legislative Archives
- Civilian Records LICON, Textual Archives Services Division

Type of Archival Materials:

- All Types
- Architectural and Engineering Drawings
- Artifacts
- Data Files

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- All Description Levels
- Record Group
- Collection
- Series

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- All Description Levels
- Record Group
- Collection
- Series

Media Type of Archival Materials:

- All Media Types
- Aperture Card
- Artifact
- Artwork

Use the "Lookup" buttons to filter by the following:

Record Group Number(s): All Record Group Numbers [Lookup] [Clear]

Collection Identifier(s): All Collection Identifiers [Lookup] [Clear]

Description Identifier(s):

Organization Name(s): [Lookup] [Clear]

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Person Name(s): [Lookup] [Clear]

All Person Names

Topic(s): [Lookup] [Clear]

All Topics

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Index Search (Organizations)

PLEASE NOTE: Only a small percentage of ARC descriptions have index terms.

Search for descriptions of Organizations containing the following keyword(s):

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Department of the Interior

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Or browse the Index:

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Index Search (Organization) Results

513 hit(s) retrieved for search term "Department of the Interior"

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1. Department of the Interior. , 1849 -
2. Department of the Interior. Board for Vocational Education. , 06/10/1933 - 1946
3. Department of the Interior. Bonneville Power Administration. , 08/20/1937 - 10/01/1977
4. Department of the Interior. Bureau of Biological Survey. Division of Game Management. , 1934 - 1940
5. Department of the Interior. Bureau of Biological Survey. Region 1 (Pacific). , 1939 - 1940
6. Department of the Interior. Bureau of Education. Editorial Division. , ca. 1875 - 1959
7. Department of the Interior. Bureau of Education. Office of the Assistant Commissioner. Service Division. Home Economics Section. , ca. 1917 - ca. 1933
8. Department of the Interior. Bureau of Indian Affairs Division of Management Support. Central Office Records Section. , 1947 - ?
9. Department of the Interior. Bureau of Indian Affairs. , 09/17/1947 -
10. Department of the Interior. Bureau of Indian Affairs. Aberdeen Area Office. Cheyenne

Organization Name : Department of the Interior. Bureau of Indian Affairs. District 3. Mission Agency.

Establish Date : 09/17/1947 **Abolish Date :** 02/1948

Roles: Created 4 series described in ARC

Organization Name : Department of the Interior. Office of Indian Affairs. Mission Agency.

Establish Date : 11/15/1920 **Abolish Date :** 06/17/1946

Roles: Created 83 series described in ARC

Organization Name : Department of the Interior. Office of Indian Affairs. District 3. Mission Agency.

Establish Date : 06/17/1946 **Abolish Date :** 09/17/1947

Roles: Created 7 series described in ARC

Administrative History Note: The Mission Agency, with headquarters in Riverside, California, was established by the consolidation of the Campo, Pala, and Soboba Superintendencies on November 15, 1920. In July 1921 its jurisdiction was divided into northern and southern divisions, and then reunited in April 1922.

The following reservations were under the supervision of the Superintendent: Augustine, Cabezon, Cahuilla, Campo, Capitan Grande, Los Coyotes, Cuyapaipe, Inaja, La Jolla, Laguna, Manzanita, Mesa Grande, Mission Creek, Morongo, Pala, Palm Springs, Pauma, Pechanga, La Posta, Rincon, San Pascual, Santa Rosa, Santa Ysabel, Soboba, Sycuan, Torres-Martinez, Twenty-nine Palms, and Volcan. The Barona and Baron Long (Viejas) reservations were purchased during the 1930's.

Overall supervision of the Indians, the reservations, and the employees

66 Infantry School (U.S.)

67 Inland Waterways Corporation. , 1924 - 07/01/1939

68 Inner City Alliance for Progress , 1975

69 Institut international de la soudure, USE International Institute of Welding.

70 Institute for Applied Technology (U.S.)

71 Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development, USE Institute of American Indian Arts

72 Institute of American Indian Arts

73 Institute of American Indian Arts and Culture, USE Institute of American Indian Arts

74 Institute of Cultural Affairs.

75 Institute of Forest Genetics (U.S.)

76 Institute of Medicine (U.S.). National Research Council, USE National Research Council (U.S.)

77 Instituto Panamericano de Geografía e Historia, USE Pan American Institute of Geography and History

78 Instituto Tecnológico de Massachusetts, USE Massachusetts Institute of Technology

79 Institutos Nacionales de la Salud (U.S.), USE National Institutes of Health (U.S.)

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Index Search (Person Name(s)) Results

14 hit(s) retrieved for search term "kennedy, john f"

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10. Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963

ARC Person Results: Hit #10

14 hit(s) retrieved for search term "kennedy, john f"

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Name: Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963

Roles:

Created 16 series described in ARC

Subject in 1426 description(s) described in ARC

Contributor in 127 description(s) described in ARC

Donor of 1 collection(s) described in ARC

Staff Member in 1 organization(s) described in ARC

Biographical Note: John Fitzgerald Kennedy was born on May 29, 1917, to Joseph P. Kennedy and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy of Brookline, Massachusetts. John Kennedy, the second of nine children, attended Choate Academy (1932-1935), Princeton University (1935-36), Harvard College (1936-40), and Stanford Business School (1941). In 1940, he published a book based on his senior thesis entitled "Why England Slept." The book criticized British policy of Appeasement. In 1941, Kennedy enlisted in the Navy. In August 1943, Kennedy was commanding PT 109 near the Solomon Islands when it was run over a Japanese destroyer. Kennedy was awarded the Purple Heart, and it took the rest of the war for him to recover from his injuries and the malaria he contracted soon after his rescue. In 1945, Kennedy became a special writer for the Hearst press. In 1946, Kennedy was elected to the U.S. House of Representative. In 1952, he ran for and defeated Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. for the Senate. In 1954, he married Jacqueline Bouvier, and the

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Index Search (Topic) Results

697 hit(s) retrieved for search term "A"

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Future plans for ARC Web:

- Reengineering for appearance and functionality
- Plain-language for data field labels
- Reformatting for record displays
- Filter searches for geographic and genre terms
- New searches for person and organization names
- Links for AAD (Access to Archival Databases)

Our participation in CENDI:

- NARA authority catalogers desire networking
- Citing other agencies thesauri as sources in ARC
- Sharing research information for development